





HERE OR
ANYWHERE,



MY BEING
ALONE WON'T
CHANGE.

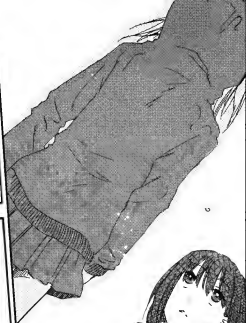


I JUST FEEL
MORE AT EASE
OVER HERE



SIMPLY
BECAUSE
NO ONE'S
AROUND.





Pretty
hair...



BECAUSE I AM
LOOKING AT YOU.



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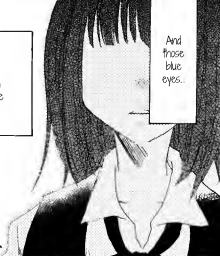
Katakura Ako



Maybe they're related, and get along?

This person must be

She's over in that place again.



And those blue eyes..



BLANCHE!



Related?

They're loners, you can never tell when or where they'll turn up, their hair is white, totally—



IT TALKED!!

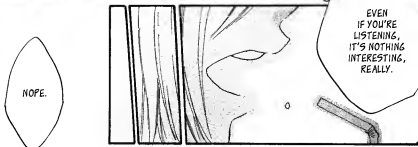


UH, I—











*TL NOTE: HERE, BLANCHE IS PUNNING ON TWO VERBS MEANING "TO BE NEEDED" AND "TO EXIST." HER DIALOGUE CAN BE INTERPRETED BOTH AS IT'S WRITTEN ABOVE AND AS "YOU'RE NEEDED RIGHT HERE, RIGHT? THE UNNEEDED CHILD IS NEEDED, RIGHT?"



ISN'T A
NAME FOR
AN UNNEEDED
CHILD
POINTLESS?

TOUKO.

EVEN JUST GOING
BY A WEIRD NAME IS
AN IMPROVEMENT,
RIGHT?

WHOA,
IT FITS YOUR
FAINT PRESENCE
PERFECTLY!

YEAH.

AH HA HA... IT'S
A WEIRD NAME,
ISN'T IT?

IT'S A
PRETTY
NAME.



THAT
IS...



THE FIRST
TIME I'VE EVER
BEEN TOLD THAT.





'CAUSE IT'S
ONE THING IF
OTHER PEOPLE
ARE DECIDING
WHAT YOU'RE
WORTH.

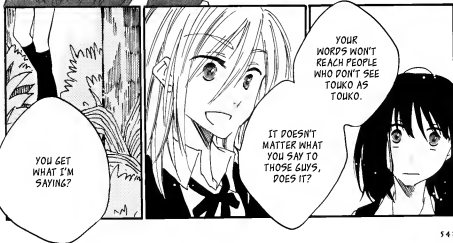
BUT WHEN
YOU GO ALONG
WITH IT, YOU
HURT YOURSELF,
AND THAT

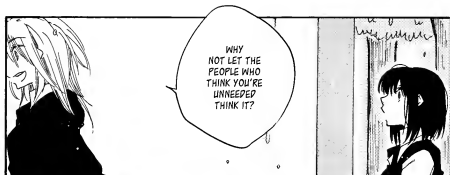
MAKES
NO SENSE.

BUT...
WHAT
CAN I DO
ABOUT IT?

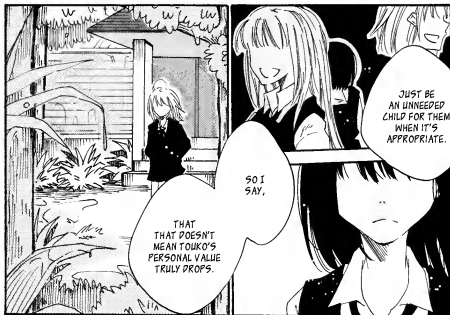








WHY
NOT LET THE
PEOPLE WHO
THINK YOU'RE
UNNEEDED
THINK IT?



JUST BE
AN UNNEEDED
CHILD FOR THEM
WHEN IT'S
APPROPRIATE.

SO I
SAY,

THAT
THAT DOESN'T
MEAN TONKO'S
PERSONAL VALUE
TRULY DROPS.

IF YOU
BREAK IT DOWN
AND THINK ABOUT
IT, IT'S ALL GOOD,
RIGHT?







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IN THE RAIN
SHELTER WITH
A WHITE CAT
KATAKURA AKO

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